

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Youth Council Meeting

November 10, 2010

Present: Vanessa Cooley, David Banno, Andrew DeTora, Alexis Devine, Joseph DiPina, Lissa Dryer, Cynthia Farrell, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Lee Lewis, Scott Seaback, Kathleen Stoddart

Absent: Everett Amaral, Alberto DeBurgo, Sharon Gainey, Dorothy Mattiello, Michael Montanaro, Andrew Tyska, Lori Marchand, Helga Ferreira

Staff: Christine Grieco, Shirley Winslow, Carlos Ribeiro, Sharon Geoffrey, Kara Aniballi, Pam Blais, Brian Gambardella

Guests: Jo-Anne Thibedeau, Anwar Muhammed, Paul Genovesi, Angelo DaFonseca, Sherri Carello

Cynthia Farrell opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m., tentatively waiting for two Council members to arrive, one member needed to make a quorum. Cynthia proceeded to discuss non-voting items until a quorum was present.

Chair Report/Up Dates Council Members

Cynthia announced to the Council three members resignations; Elizabeth Gilheeney, Philip Stone, and Deborah Anthes. Cynthia read

Phil's resignation letter to the Council and then requested the Council to recommend individuals to replace the 3 who have resigned.

Elizabeth Gilheeney recently volunteered herself to be the Councils Vice Chair so meetings would be able to ensue in Cynthia's absence. Cynthia requested another council member volunteer to take on the role of Vice Chair. Cynthia will re-visit this matter at the next Youth Council meeting

JDF/WIA Enrollments

Carlos Ribeiro presented the JDF and WIA reports as of September 30, 2010. Under the 2010 JDF funds 1236 (56.18%) youth have been served of the 2200 youth contracted to serve, 964 cases are still currently opened.

As of September 30, 2010 under the 2010 WIA funds 339 (63.96%) of youth have been served of the 530 youth contracted to serve, 174 cases are still currently opened.

Carlos stated that CCAP is under enrolled for the 2010 contract possibly because CCAP has two WIA contracts running concurrently.

CCAP has until November 19, 2010 to respond with a corrective action plan.

2011 RFP

Carlos stated the 2011 RFP time table is currently on the WPGRI website (<http://www.griworkforce.com/>). The bidder's conference will be held November 16, 2010 at the DLT in room 73:1. Carlos stated he will be encouraging bidders to partner with businesses during this conference.

Minutes of September 9, 2010

With a quorum present Cynthia Farrell asked the council to review the minutes from September 9, 2010.

Lissa Dryer noted that Andrew DeTora's name was both on the absent and present list. Andrew was in attendance of the September meeting.

Vanessa Cooley made a motion to accept the minutes with the above noted changes. Scott Seaback seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sixth Youth Eligibility Criterion

Carlos Ribeiro presented the council with Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston's Draft of Proposed Changes in the sixth youth eligibility criterion. The proposed change would allow youth to use a school IEP (Individual Education Plan) as documentation of a disability. If a youth is documented of having a disability they are automatically considered a family of one, and the youth's family's

income is not considered.

WPGRI has not adopted this plan nor has Providence/Cranston. Carlos suggested that a few members from GRI's council and PC's council meet to discuss the proposed plan so both WIB's policy mirrors one another.

Expenditures

Brian Gambardella presented contract close out reports from PY 2008, 2009, and 2010 for JDF, ARRA, and WIA contracts.

2011 Summer Programs

1.5 million dollars has been allocated to 2011 JDF summer programs. A RFP will be issued in January.

Adjournment

There being no other business Cynthia Farrell called the meeting to an end at 10:00am.

The next meeting of the Youth Council is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.